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1. PERHAPS AS A FOLLOWUP TO THE THAI POLICE CAPTURE OF NARCO-TICS KING LO HSING-HAN, THE CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION IN BANGKOK TOOK ONE MORE STEP SEPTEMBER 9 IN FOLLOWING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEAD IN IMPROVING RTG-GUB RELATIONS. THE SEPTEMBER 11 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "THE NATION" HEADLINED AN ARTICLE, "BURMESE GIRL FREED IN RAID ON HOTEL". ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, A MISS TAE SAE TIA HAD BEEN LURED, APPARENTLY FROM TACHILEK, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER BURMESE GIRLS BY PROCURERS WHO PROMISED THEM GOOD JOBS IN BANGKOK. THE POLICE INTEND TO TURN THE RESCUED 19-YEAR OLD OVER TO A NUNNERY, WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL FIND A WAY TO SEND HER BACK TO HER HOMETOWN.

2. COMMENT: POLICE EFFORTS IN THIS CASE ARE NOTEWORTHY SINCE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC RARELY RAISE THIS MUCH FUSS ABOUT THE INFINITELY GREATER NUMBER ON NORTHERN THAI GIRLS ENTICED TO BANGKOK FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES. WE HAVE NO OTHER CONCLUSION THEREFORE BUT THAT THE THAI POLICE WISH TO GIVE FURTHER EARNEST OF INCREASING RTG FRIENDLINESS TOWARD BURMA.

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